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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97, the Applicant takes this opportunity to call to the attention of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office documents that may be material to the prosecution of this application.

This paper is submitted before the issuance of any first substantive Office Action for this application. Accordingly, no fees are due in order to ensure consideration of the cited documents.

The documents the Applicant now believes are material to the prosecution of this application are listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449.

The Form PTO-1449, page 1, lists the documents cited in the International Search Report for the Patent Cooperation Treaty application upon which this application is based. According to the Notification of Missing Requirements letter mailed for this application on November 14, 2001, the USPTO already has in its files for this application a copy of the references cited in the International Search Report. Accordingly, duplicate copies are not now being provided. If, however, copies are not in the Examiner's file upon review of

this application, a call to the undersigned will result in prompt delivery of replacement copies.

This application claims priority from British Patent Application No. 9906603.7. A copy of the Search Report issued by The (British) Patent Office for '603.7 application is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed are the three documents cited in that search by The Patent Office.

The Applicant also provides a copy of U. S. Patent No. 5 956 431 which it believes may be material to this application.

The documents cited by The Patent Office and the last discussed patent are listed on the Form PTO-1449, page 2.

Further commentary regarding the relevancy of the cited documents is not believed necessary at this time.

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